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Subject: Objection to SSVEC Rate Hikes and Misleading Emails Circulated by SSVEC
Attachments: SSVEC UNFAIR LETTER.pdf; SSVEC Rate Case Letter.docx

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Hello Members of the ACC,

I have attached a letter that am I requesting be reviewed and included in the decision making process pertaining to SSVEC's rate increase case that is currently before you. I am opposed to their rate increases and I am opposed to the type of misleading marketing that they are circulating within the community. I have also attached a copy of the email for your review. Please decide for yourself if the comments made in the email are factual, exaggerated and or misleading. Thank You.

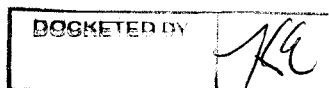
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Dear Members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

My name is Chelsea Clark and I operate a small family owned Automotive Repair Shop (Desert Automotive) in Sierra Vista, AZ. Our business employs thirteen families and we do our part to serve the community we live in, pay our taxes and play by the rules. Back in 2014 we were introduced to the concept of adding a Solar System which would reduce our carbon footprint, supply most of / or all of the electrical power consumed by our business and on some occasions produce additional electrical energy that could be distributed and sold by SSVEC to other members without impacting the environment that we chose to live in. We began planning and allocating resources to install the Solar system that SSVEC at that time encouraged us to install. Nearly two years later we completed our planning and finally had the resources to methodically purchase and install our new Solar System. We have completed the permitting process and our system is slated to be fully functional by the end of the month (May 2016).

I was extremely disappointed when I found out SSVEC had distributed an email in our community discussing the "Unfair Solar Subsidies". My disappointment escalated to anger as I read the email comparing me and my business to "California billionaires who ultimately profit from those subsidies....." Come on Mr. Blair, don't attempt to paint the picture that our local tax paying law abiding citizens making calculated "good business decisions " and investing our own hard earned capital into Solar systems (that you once encouraged) are California billionaires. Your assessment comparing Solar System owners to the opposing 97% of the population is also misleading. I would like to clarify your statement because many public schools and government buildings have been equipped with Solar systems. Those public facilities are technically owned by the taxpayers included in the 97% of the populous that you claim are getting short changed. Maybe you should point out the economic impact the Solar Industry has in our state and focus on the clean environmentally friendly generation of power that is enjoyed by all including SSVEC as they plan to build a "Solar Farm" in Eastern Arizona.

If SSVEC is in a financial position that requires changes to billing pertaining to their Solar customer base then by all means seek the changes needed to continue to operate as functioning Co-Op. Just do so in a manner that is straight forward and not misleading to the uniformed that you are targeting in this email.

I strongly oppose the propaganda used by SSVEC in this email. I am also opposed any rate or Net Zero changes that may affect any systems installed on or before the "rules changed". I chose to continue with our Solar project based on the plans we made as a business back in 2014 and I trust the members of the Arizona Corporation Commission will do the "right

thing” and create a ruling that protects the investments made by those individuals that have invested in the systems once encouraged by SSVEC. I also trust the ACC will study and analyze the economic impact the Solar Industry has in our state both now and in the future.

Best Regards, Chelsea Clark

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Help fight unfair solar subsidies

Yes! I will send a message to regulators telling them to get rid of the hidden solar subsidies in my electric bill.

Just a minute of your time could help us prevent 97% of our ordinary ratepayers from being charged millions of dollars to subsidize the tiny percentage who have solar units on their homes.

We have filed a request with the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC), which regulates electric rates in Arizona, to change our rate structure to reduce those subsidies.

The California billionaires who ultimately profit from those subsidies are funding a fake grassroots campaign to make the ACC think everybody likes paying extra in their monthly electric bill for their cause. We need to let the regulators know what our members - solar and non-solar alike - think about that.

Can we count on your support?

Thank you!
Jack Blair
Chief Member Services Officer

PS. The average member with rooftop solar is not paying for their fair share of the cost to maintain the electric grid (we are losing over \$800 per year to serve each of those members) and this is requiring SSVEC to then over-collect from members who don't have solar, which is inherently not fair. Please help us send a message to the ACC to change that!